

SENATE BILL 353
By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to establishment of a
Trauma Registry.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new and appropriately numbered section:

68-11-259.

(a) The board for licensing health care facilities shall establish and maintain a central registry of persons who are treated for trauma at designated trauma centers or comprehensive regional pediatric centers (CRPCs). To further the purpose of this section, the board has the authority to collect injury incidence information, including medical records and patient-identifying information, from designated trauma centers and CRPCs, analyze the information, and conduct special studies regarding the causes and consequences of traumatic injury. The board also has the authority to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 5 to administer the registry and its activities, which regulations may require the reporting trauma centers and CRPCs to use a particular form approved by the board, and which regulations may prescribe penalties to be imposed for failure to abide by reporting requirements.

(b) A hospital holding a trauma center or CRPC designation shall as a condition of continuing such designation complete and submit the reports required by this section.

(c) No information contained in the trauma registry that reasonably could be expected to reveal the identity of any patient may be made available to the public, and no information contained in the trauma registry that reasonably could be expected to

disclose the identity or identities of specific reporting facilities may be made available to the public. The board shall prescribe conditions under which processed and verified data can be made available to the public.

(d) No person or entity may be held liable in any civil action with respect to any report or disclosure of information made under this section unless such person or entity has knowledge of any falsity of the information reported or disclosed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.